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Four COVID-19-related Fatalities Reported; Standing Orders Issued for COVID-19
Therapeutics; COVID-19 Test Results: 777 New Cases, 39 Hospitalized;
Additional COVID-19 Updates

### Four COVID-19-related Fatalities Reported

Today, the Joint Information Center was notified of four (4) COVID-19-related fatalities:

- The 291st COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at the Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) on January 21, 2022. The patient was an 81-year-old male, vaccinated, with underlying health conditions who tested positive on January 21, 2022.
- The 292nd COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) on January 31, 2022. The patient was an 85-year-old male, vaccinated, with underlying health conditions who tested positive on January 25, 2022.
- The 293rd COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at GMH on January 31, 2022. The patient was a 68-year-old female, unvaccinated, with underlying health conditions who tested positive on January 31, 2022.
- The 294th COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at the U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam on January 31, 2022. The patient was a 98-year-old male, vaccinated, who tested positive on January 31, 2022.

"Governor Lou, First Gentleman Jeff, and I carry the sadness and sorrow along with their families. Losses like these are so great in our small community," said Acting Governor Josh Tenorio. "Help your family members by monitoring their health, especially those who are elderly or sick. Please do not wait to get treatment or visit your doctor if you are feeling sick."

### **DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.**

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. Seek emergency medical care immediately or call 911 if you have trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, or bluish lips or face. Individuals who are sick are advised to:

- Stay home, except to seek medical care. Call ahead before visiting the clinic/doctor.
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headaches, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea and/or diarrhea.
- Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19. While waiting for test results, you should stay away from others, including staying apart from those living in your household.

Older Adults, People with Serious Chronic Medical Conditions are Most at Risk for Serious Complications and Death Due to SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19

Older adults and individuals with serious chronic medical conditions are most at risk for serious complications and death due to COVID-19. Serious chronic medical conditions include:

Heart disease

Diabetes

- Lung disease
- Obesity
- Immunocompromised conditions (e.g. cancer, lupus)
- Chronic liver disease

- Chronic renal disease
- Neurologic or neurodevelopmental condition
- Current or former smoking

### 39 Hospitalized for COVID-19

CENSUS as of 5 p.m.	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL
COVID-19 Admission	22	17	0	39
Pediatric Admissions	0	-	-	0
ICU	2	0	0	2
Ventilator	1	0	0	1

<b>VACCINATION STATUS</b>	VACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	INELIGIBLE (0-4 years old)
Hospitalized	26	13	0
Total in Population*	133,092	8,515	12,229
Rate per 100,000 Population	20	153	0

SPECIAL NOTE: Based on today's data, if we were to compare two (2) hypothetical populations of 100,000 people each, vaccinated versus unvaccinated, there would be 20 vaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19 compared to 153 unvaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19. The risk of being hospitalized for COVID-19 is about 8 times higher for the unvaccinated as compared to the vaccinated. \*\*Estimated population is based on DPHSS Immunization Program analysis of 2020 Census data. Updates are expected pending further Census 2020 data breakdown.

#### **COVID-19 Test Results: 777 New Cases of COVID-19**

Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reported 777 new cases of COVID-19 from 1,868 specimens analyzed on January 31, 2022. 139 of the cases reported today are through the Department of Defense. To date, there have been a total of 33,108 officially reported cases, 294 deaths, 5,948 cases in active isolation, and 26,866 not in active isolation.

### **Standing Orders Issued for COVID-19 Therapeutics**

DPHSS issued two standing orders for COVID-19 therapeutics, one for <u>mulnopiravir</u> and another for <u>paxlovid</u>. Both therapeutics were given emergency use authorization (EUA) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for treatment of COVID-19.

Treatment is indicated for recently diagnosed COVID-19 patients with mild-moderate symptoms. To avail of COVID-19 therapeutics, eligible patients must consult with their physicians. Prescribing providers are advised to document SARS-CoV-2 viral test (lab-based antigen or PCR), and symptoms of COVID-19 for ≤5 days.

Due to limited available supplies, prescribing physicians are advised to risk stratify based on the following criteria:

### **Highest Priority:**

- Not fully vaccinated; and
- Over the age of 50; and
- Has one or more comorbidities associated with increased risk of severe illness, hospitalization, or death referenced in

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html; or

### **High Priority:**

- Fully vaccinated: and
- Over the age of 65; and
- Has two or more comorbidities associated with increased risk of severe illness, hospitalization, or death referenced in <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html</a>.

Read the standing order for <u>mulnopiravir HERE</u>, and for <u>paxlovid HERE</u>.

### **Tiyan COVID-19 Outreach Appointment-Based Testing**

Community COVID-19 testing at the old carnival grounds in Tiyan, Barrigada has transitioned to an appointment-based system with extended hours. Unscheduled drive-ups will be accepted on a limited basis. For the safety of the community and swabbers, only four (4) adults per vehicle are allowed to be tested. To schedule an appointment, visit tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme.

DPHSS continues to support diagnostic testing for COVID-19 but will be prioritizing COVID-19 testing to target individuals with a likelihood of severe disease, hospitalization, or death due to COVID-19. The DPHSS <u>Screening Guide Memorandum</u> further adjusts the criteria for who may get tested for COVID-19. <u>CLICK HERE to view the guide</u>.

## FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING – Tiyan

To schedule an appointment, visit tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme.

Feb. 2 – Feb. 5, 2022: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. BREAK: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### Old Carnival Grounds, Tiyan, Barrigada

COVID-19 testing will be offered by appointment through Eventbrite at <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme">tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme</a>. Four adults per vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered.

### FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING – DPHSS Community Health Centers

**Feb. 2 – Feb. 5, 2022:** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center, *Inalåhan*By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Four adults per vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered. Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518. Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme

DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo
By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Four adults per
vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered.
Call (671) 635-7525/6 to schedule an appointment.

Fill out a COVID-19 Testing Patient Assessment Form ahead of time, available at dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing.

### **COVID-19 Vaccination Support Clinic for Families of Children with Disabilities**

COVID-19 vaccination support clinics for families of children with disabilities are available. These clinics will also be open to the community.

# COVID-19 VACCINATION SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

### Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson

Clinic is a partnership between DPHSS, the University of Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (CEDDERS), Guam Legal Services Corporation, Guam Developmental Disabilities Council, Guam Regional Transit Authority, Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, and the Office of the Governor.

<b>Feb. 5, 2022:</b> 9 a.m 3 p.m.	Agat Gym, Hagat  Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Minors must have a birth certificate, parents must have a government-issued photo ID. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.  Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme	
<b>Feb. 12, 2022:</b> 9 a.m 3 p.m.	Barrigada Mayor's Office, Barrigada  Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Minors must have a birth certificate, parents must have a government-issued photo ID. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.  Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme	
<b>Feb. 19, 2022:</b> 9 a.m 3 p.m.	Dededo Mayor's Office, Dededo  Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Minors must have a birth certificate, parents must have a government-issued photo ID. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.  Register at <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme">tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme</a>	
<b>Feb. 26, 2022:</b> 9 a.m 3 p.m.	Agat Gym, Hagat  Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Minors must have a birth certificate, parents must have a government-issued photo ID. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.  Register at <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme">tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme</a>	

### Requirements for Minors to Receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Parent/legal guardian must provide minor's birth certificate
- Parent/legal guardian must have a government-issued photo identification (ID)
- Minor must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian
- Guardians must present legal guardianship or power-of-attorney documents

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS (AGES 5 AND OVER) Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson		
Feb. 2 – 5, 2022: Mon Wed., Fri.: 11 a.m 5 p.m. Sat.: 11 a.m 7 p.m.	University of Guam Field House, Mangilao: Register at tinyurl.com/vaxguam Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.	
<b>Feb. 2 – 5, 2022:</b> 9 a.m 5 p.m.	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo Call (671) 635-4418/7400 to schedule an appointment. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing. Walk-ins welcome. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities. Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme	
<b>Feb. 2 – 4, 2022:</b> 9 a.m 12 p.m.	DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center, Inalåhan Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518 to schedule an appointment. Last appointment is 30 minuter before closing. Walk-ins welcome. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities. Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme	

AFTER-SCHOOL COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS (AGES 5 AND OVER) Walk-ins welcome. Minors must have birth certificate, parents must have government-issued photo ID.		
<b>Feb. 2, 2022:</b> 3 p.m 6 p.m.	Marcial A. Sablan Elementary School	
<b>Feb. 3, 2022:</b> 3 p.m 6 p.m.	Liguan Elementary School	

### **Guam COVID-19 Vaccination Update**

As of January 31, 2022, a total of **133,092** of Guam's eligible population (residents 5 years and older) is fully vaccinated. This total includes **13,122** residents 12 - 17 years old. **6,673** residents 5 - 11 years old received their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech two dose series. **4,334** residents 5 - 11 years old have completed their two-dose series. An additional **157** residents received their booster shots and a total of **51,422** booster shots have been administered to eligible residents since September 29, 2021.

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For the latest information on COVID-19, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov</u> or <u>guamrecovery.com</u>. For inquiries, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.